

## **CURRENT UPDATE - July 2014**

We are currently in the permitting process, with bidding, selection and appropriation expected to begin in this fall, just as hurricane season is winding down. The actual spillway construction is currently expected take about 7 months, finishing in the spring/summer of 2015.

We are keeping the water level down at least a foot and a half below the top of the spillway to leave room for heavy rains. This will keep water from spilling over onto the slabs. We will decrease the water level further this fall, when construction actually begins, to prevent water from spilling over into the construction area or seeping through the embankment while we're overhauling the spillway. During the construction phase, the water level will be about 6½ to 7 feet below the full lake level, or about where it was last year when the pump station was being repaired. Once construction is completed, we'll finally be in a position to get back to a full reservoir.

We know that lower water levels can inconvenience property owners, boaters and fishermen who enjoy the recreational benefits of this reservoir; however, this construction is needed to ensure the stability of a major water drinking source for the Peninsula. We again ask for your patience as we move through the process.

If you have any questions, please contact Waterworks' Public Information Office at (757) 926-1155 or email [Lee Ann Hartmann](#), Waterworks' Public Information Specialist.